## NOVEL ALICYCLIC ESTERS WITH MUSK FRAGRANCE



## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The invention relates to novel alicyclic esters, methods for their preparation, their use as fragrances, and also perfumed products and fragrance mixtures containing the compounds according to the invention.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Compounds with a musk fragrance are sought-after components in the perfume industry. They are characterized both by their property of imparting an aura to perfume compositions and also by their ability to act as a fixer. Thus, musk fragrances are nowadays used in many perfume compositions.

[0004] The synthesis of biodegradable compounds with a musk fragrance has gained substantially in importance in recent years, since the synthetic musk compounds of the nitro-aromatic and polycyclic series are persistent and lipophilic, so that these compounds accumulate in aquatic food chains and fatty tissue (H. Brunn, G. Rimkus, Ernährungs-Umschau 1996, 43, 442 to 449; H. Brunn, G. Rimkus, Ernährungs-Umschau 1997, 44, 4 to 9). In order to close the gap, macrocyclic musk fragrances that are similar to natural compounds and are characterized by a macrocyclic ring with 13 to 17 C atoms, which has a ketone or an ester as functional group, have been developed to an increasing extent.

[0005] Furthermore, US-A 5,166,412 discloses compounds of type (II)